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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: ALIGNMENT STRUCTURE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 2, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,077,905 to Murray, Jr. (hereinafter "Murray") and rejects claims 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Murray.

The Office Action considers, at page 2, Murray to teach a method of aligning that includes two adapters connected to two line generators 14a and 14b. This assertion is incorrect. The laser alignment equipment disclosed in Murray specifically includes a laser source 14a and a laser target 14b (see Murray at col. 7, lines 39-44). As such, the positively recited features of a first and a second line generator are not taught by Murray.

The Office Action indicates that "the method is performed as claimed as described in the specification of Murray". This assertion is also incorrect. The method disclosed in